

REMARKS

Applicants request the Examiner to enter the changes in the specification and claims requested above.

The Examiner has been requested to amend this application to include the sequence listing, which was filed with the parent application (U.S.S.N. 09/354,664) on July 16, 1999. Applicants also request the Examiner to include the electronic and paper copies of this sequence listing with the present application, as described in the accompanying Letter.

Applicants also hereby request the amendment of page 1 to include the priority claim to the parent application U.S.S.N. 09/354,664 (filed July 16, 1999), along with the priority claims of the U.S.S.N. 09/354,664 to the U.S. provisional applications 60/093,073 (filed July 16, 1998) and 60/100,737 (filed September 17, 1998) in the "Cross Reference to Related Applications" as originally filed. The present continuing divisional application likewise claims priority of the filing dates of these provisional applications.

Claims 1-25 have been cancelled. Claims 26-32, which were previously non-elected claims in U.S.S.N. 09/354,664, are currently in the application.

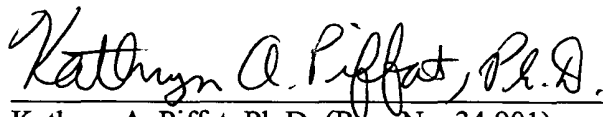
No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments made to the specification.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Although it is not believed that any additional fee, aside from the fee already submitted, is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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